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all I wanted to move ahead then with a wonderful panel of three people who have been deeply involved for many many years with the JFK assassination and those contributions have been extremely important in the fairing out information and in trying to get things closed as a separate part from which the Sun I'm had referred to dr. John Newman is a former military army and and analyst he was too many years professor at University Maryland acknowledged James Madison University he's written many books and three just came out quite recently 1:9 JFK and Vietnam well was she actually published before he may tell you about that all that was held back and now republished by here and two volumes I was going to be 85 Boeing set and a covering the entire span of JFK preceding assassination and thereafter and we have chosen Morley who was a FOIA litigant expert he has written several books and many articles on this matter to and was for many years a very highly respected correspondent for the Washington Post James Lazar attorney here in Washington DC has been moved and handling and more FOIA requests I don't know Jim had the world's record or not I've got to be pretty close to it you're the president and founder of the assassination archives in Review Center AARC Jim used to pursue these these efforts to

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used to pursue these these efforts to obtain that kind of information so these three gentlemen have really been solvers among the warren commission critic researcher community too missed our talks I think dr. Newman will be first to ask you gentlemen keep your remarks to a vital to a potential medical have a couple of questions for each of you and Andrew that suggested that we do it that way and then it will move it along okay [Applause] organizing this met a couple of implications real quick a needle in a haystack needle in a haystack it okay so for example of borealis Rica as an informant from CIA Cuba Emilio Americo Rodriguez as about 500 pages of National Archives his name is redacted every single time is college everything to private any identifying numbers every single times except for one time a reviewer must have a good lunch that's hard on the record identification for my name's in the clear and you can take that little needle and go through all 500 pages and put it rain in it was so that's me with a second I love needles nice that is one of the things the judge was talking about Krypton's and students are very important to me in my current work fly blogs I would anticipate maybe but I have to know who these people are and what operations he scripted it stands for and they're not all released by any stretch the United Nations two volumes Isis completing the last four years I myself have broken about 200 plus provisions and over 7,200 students and early independence in my book and I'm not the only one there so there's a couple other real

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there so there's a couple other real crack researchers still sympathizer on the west coast but very helpful to me disregarding so we need equipment and food mints in order to understand the story symptoms are important because one person can have two three four five students the story gets you know don't get a party to pieces we could reduce all those things to a single person then you can tell us you can tell a story I really don't want to talk too much about my only work I really wanted to stamp apply and agree with just two hundred we need comedians really the CIA has resisted and it's dimension of its own leading case in some cases subverted investigations by our elected officials and maybe just people telling you a little bit about Jimmy's we'll handle to the gauge themselves now if you talk about that the FBI is also resisted from the very start that I can remember a our feet again their work I gave you guys a bunch of trial numbers in the devil silver the FBI lady gave me these for Oswald flowers I think that I mean I I'm very interested in what's in these laws okay I'm it would be helpful to me and I know what I want but honestly it's more important than what's in the file that we should get that they belong to us they belong to our elected officials and the idea that our current government is continuing to block this information is not going to help the public trust and so for that reason alone we need employees in my experience of many years of dealing with these records and I go way back to 1993 when the first records releasable has been narrowed one

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releasable has been narrowed one downtown awful place I copy documents along with the line friends would help me and I have them today in many of the most crucial ones no longer exist in they're not consider or not at the CIA but they're no longer at the National Archives and Records Administration doesn't block it out other people's shirts okay and I'll give you one example President Eisenhower had instructed his subordinates to murder not one person not this Castro with three matsuri school Moomba and the Kahn village is bringing the Europeans on board to support our ancient astronauts and Trujillo Dominican Republic in order to bringing organization of american states to support our anycast apology was a triple play in terms of putting together a coalition that would help eisenhower get what he wanted bill or throw castro and some of those documents no longer exist the particular ones that relate to the order that Eisenhower gave for the assassination of Lumumba and then his National Security Advisor giving testimony on one vague to the church giving saying that no items are having idea of assassination and five names earlier told five church committee staffers was just the opposite well I have those documents both of them and I have the original written a regular education form but they no longer exist and what the staff discussion has been malla bridge from nine pages to just three with the piece that I just told you left out and it gets worse than that the record identification database itself for that document now has from zero to zero eight zero number of cases do everything zeroed out I have the receipt the original receipt information so how does that stuff disappear if somebody has futures with

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disappear if somebody has futures with the actual system itself so one of the reasons I want full religious I want to see what's in there I want I want full release because I think we deserve it but I also want fuller listeners I think if we get it it's going to help make the case to go back to these agencies and find this stuff where it is and get into the archives work at law this is unimportant of important information of the information relating to assassination of foreign leaders and the church committees investigator that is spiritual it's crucial so and that's the kind of stuff not innocuous stuff that's the kind of important stuff that's been gradually disappearing over the years so I want what's here the remaining files and I don't want what was originally released as well and I think if we get a full release that will help make the case and why not well with our current president I'm really hoping that his relationship with the CIA continues like it is right now it's probably the best most lucky to do whatever they have to get it their judgment at this point in this post 9/11 atmosphere it's going to be a lot harder because stuff really so maybe trouble loser-face well i'm join up just to add in the relationship of the president and CIA playing after a favor how about the relationship of the president with putin and you access to every goddamn thing that exists over there right okay anybody have

any questions did you just forget that I'm not sure exactly relevant but I've been well it is well economically it's just regarding the stuff you can talk to me about i i've heard people talking about that and some suggestions that they might be a bit Gettysburg at the Eisenhower library and happy with it and week that's library family okay and I live near there and I

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family okay and I live near there and I what I was looking for I'd love to go out there look for more than great stuff wardens wage national security advisors okay next lesson ahead what about the records that are nothing like the Air Force one takes any oh and I keep sector records in the oh and I had less to give it reports these are not part of the collection is anyone looking for them you are you know that look at our for I don't think the thing we're in this collection of first place well I don't know if we do about that thanks very much for someone who is an army intelligence officer a professor and author somebody would always time check really really should give everybody pause okay mind your cookies after is Jefferson Warren Jeff please go I've been at it longer than I care to admit I first met us to nine 25 years ago when he started this job and I had incredible in admiration for him I was in The Washington Post news from at the time the whole topic of the fascination of candy was just polarizing thing that made people angry and all that which is very impressed that some public official would come forward and treated in the straightforward manner that it deserved and that tonight coke making on to that um what I would like to say about the coming release and what's going to happen in October 2017 first of all you can see between two very well-informed people John and John you know we don't even know exactly what's in there because you know it's not it's not clear whether all the criminals have different ways and all that so that's another argument in favor of full disclosure of the record itself is not it's not transparent matter um I think the most important thing when people say well you know what's in there what's coming we're going to find out in Japan I think the

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going to find out in Japan I think the first question you have to answer is what do we know now that we didn't know then when the law was passed would you know now we didn't know in 1992 and an incredible amount and the JFK record collection has transformed scholarships not only around the assassination but around the Kennedy presidency Kennedy in Vietnam the Cuban Missile Crisis in all of these areas that very strong law that you get to a Records Act it has it's very positive effect on our understanding of our own history so what do we know now because that we didn't know in 1992 that the thing that strikes me and I written a book about this I have a biography of James angleman coming out later this year as an author I would be remiss and not marketing at every opportunity so I'm starting right now with you and in that in the book I tell the story that I think is really the most significant thing that we didn't know in 1992 some of us started to began getting to record struck to get interested in that it was I climbed onto it and met John Newman at the time which was what is the CIA know about Oswald before the assassination and the official story was it there was this guy oswald that kind of routine attention to him and he did this he just add and they do this and that and then he shot president and boy everybody was really surprised how does this guy come out of nowhere and shoot president that was the story that the morning commission was told by historians idea yeah okay if that story was a lot that story was concocted by Jim angle account and it was a lot Oswalt was watched closely from November 1959 executive Soviet Union design the Soviet Union was examined closely a group of CIA officers anywhere from a minimum of six and probably as many as 15 people were well acquainted with his file his file handled in a very unusual way from

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file handled in a very unusual way from the moment he defected all information about Oswald was not sent to the Soviet Russia division but was sent to James Angleton's office an Oswald hot file was held very closely none of this was known in 1992 none of this was known Oliver's note and this is the story that we are beginning to piece together now and I tell part of it in my forthcoming book and John is telling the story in some more detail but this is what we know now that we didn't know that the CIA surveillance of Oswald from

1959 to 1960 grew very close be CIA officials and I can name them Jane Roman bill could Tom Karen the Phoenix James Angleton these officials knew Oswald they were familiar with his biography they knew his family they knew about his crazy mother they were opening her her letters to the State Department they were getting the FBI report on Oswald they were getting the State Department put all of that information was funneled into the CIA and landed in the counter intelligence staff in a very closely held offices and the files controlled by women in and ejabberd who was totally unknown to the Warren Commission and the story of this house information about also on the panel is totally unknown and now we begin to have a little bit closer understanding of that and what that means um I think that's the kind of the baseline that we are now working on what will the files that are now coming out where they tell us about that short which is a remarkable stories annette Danone in 1963 the whole investigation would have been quite different there's good reason to believe it in fact the counterintelligence staff even knew that Oswald was in that and I'll tell story in my book so the less of pre assassination of knowledge about alcohol to period great and the word of the root word enabled us to start investigating that story and thanks to the rapid release other report we went out and I

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release other report we went out and I went out and was able to interview people who had extensive pre assassination amount of Javad Jane Ruhlman who was a TA to angleton talked to John and I I had two conversations with Bill hood was a Lifetime channel intelligence officer associated with angleton and Goodpasture works with wind Scott New Mexico City she had worked for angleton and Edwards so we really began to understand this pre assassination monitoring module and that's the story that we releases later this year hopefully can amplify and contentment and tell us the tell us more about so one challenge is to understand what we already know and make that the foundation of what comes out in in October you know we are assuming that the agencies have alleged information he released the possess with the law of lodges but you know given their behavior I'm skeptical and I worry that we are going to have continuing out the Association afters or around the relations in October but this is where the role of the president is very important because yes the agencies want to do that if they want to do it lawfully the president has to sign off on and will with President Trump do that we don't know so there's a lot of imponderables going forward but we do know a great deal about what's in those records and I think these are some of the records that can shed more light on the counterintelligence staffs extraordinary and intense interest in the our Diablo from 1959 to 1963 and I'll just name a few that I think are there we know they exist and we know that they're supposed to be made public first is the interrogation of urine Ascenta with a KGB defector to defect in 1950 and said falsely it turns out that the kinky be really has no interest in Oswald at the time Jesus Soviet Union

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Oswald at the time Jesus Soviet Union Angleton didn't believe this thought he was a phony Protectorate threw him in jail it was one of the first examples of a CIA black site where somebody would be tamed beyond the law without without you tried there's about 2,000 pages of as far as we can tell of the interrogation of uranium senko between 1964 and 1969 and those the interrogation of Monsanto about lessons knew about the Oswald file could be potentially very interesting it may also mangement there may be nothing about Oz over there it may be all about other other matters but Angleton's working anthems conspiracy theory was that the KGB was somehow behind the Senko and somehow the client özil so these when the central interrogation transcripts will tell us more about Angleton's conspiracy theories of JFK a second category is the operational files of bill Harger who was in charge of the CIA operative assassination operation from 1960 to 1963 and was also a bitter enemy of Kennedy of the Kennedy there's a couple hundred pages of material about Bill Harvey David admin Phillips was of Cuban operations in Mexico City whenever I want to become chief to the western hemisphere division of the CIA object of intense scrutiny by the House Select Committee on assassinations there's about 600 pages of material about joining I mean about the creative field operations in the withheld material so that might have developing information well people have alluded

before to the story of George Duroy meetings he was a counterintelligence psychological warfare officer in Miami he worked for David Phillips mind Austin identified probably about 50 records we don't know how many pages of his operational activities in Miami in 1962 1964

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1962 1964 one thing that we have learned over the years in fact and this was not disclosed to if you were not only with the Joanie's Asians have contact results well before the assassination but joining these himself had eight residents in the world in 1963 specifically for a story that has never been explained by the CIA so those records may be relevant and then finally and Goodpasture were trying to work for win Scott and who wrote the CIA history of Mexico City station with a couple hundred pages on her in the unreleased material so you have this nexus of counterintelligence officers people who know about also they were interested in Oswald before the assassination and people who are interested in assassination activity and in this nexus is where I believe we defined information that will tell us more about the causes of the presidency so thank you thank you Jeff and distinction of where we would be with regard to the chip his definition if Jefferson morally has been the editor of The Washington Post yeah he had a tough road to hoe a mighty details but I know that the Washington Post said not been the force of burning out all the information about it some questions speaks for a human issue it's on tape support an independent journalist I was looking to be discussed for a minute CIA when she mentioned director counted lie about the oddball investigation he was also convicted two are charged with perjury for lying to the Church Committee about CIA involving initially its lawyer Edwards that one Williams remarks at the time that he would Rebecca where that conviction of the bat Bonner

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the bat Bonner it's worth noting big negotiated a plea bargain he was fined $2,000 in some very funny things about Congress after that we're committing my Edward Bennett Williams also represented John Hinckley and the judge that negotiated a plea bargain Lynch and judge side by hitting the completely top so can you discuss it all this attitude by these very well-known men at the time blatantly lying to the public out of it and how that played into this situation well let's put let's put the best possible case on which is what I think and sort his admirers with you and there are many in Washington he was CIA director for seven years and and then I talked to many people the CIA thought he was one of the best directors ever the favorable way to look at that would be was a poll more these men were assigned to do clandestine work they worked for the president with the expectation if it work with remain secretive it 1pa also said their operations would remain secret from conception to eternity and that's the world that needs men list and so that gave them a certain arrogance and to do that edit and I mean the striking thing to me now looking back on what we've learned since the review or try with now tells an angle ten both obstructed justice longtime case and they committed perjury why if the common side case was so cut and dried with these men obstruct justice internet purchase and we still don't have a good answer to that question maybe some of these records will begin to tell us what were these operations that they were solo as well as big so but to get to your point I mean even if we accept the most charitable interpretation of their actions that this was justified by cold war and they were engaged in deadly business and the government approved the Pope was over and the national security considerations that are in play there are totally irrelevant the threats the country faces now are nothing like those

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country faces now are nothing like those threats and so we need not have excessive secrecy around us around this topic whatever the justification of it once was there is no justification then it gets back look at the first meeting of the Warren Commission didn't Dulles tell the rest of the commissioners when they asked that they would lie even the president is asked that was these except in yep text me somewhat problematic things we have a commission that goes out of business before the time for compliance with the law hedges I'm curious in July nobody is proposing the calling back the ARB Inuk into existence to finish the job which obviously when I alluded to before I think poles were some measure like that in an independent body that can review these records people have the security clearances and can decide business meet the sketch to a

desert assassination related or not because I expect some of the constipation right that's why I think we do need an independent forward mechanism it doesn't have to be as negative review boards the remaining job is not huge this is not a huge batch of records that remains not the original batch of reference or the air re doublet but there could be you know three people with the requisite security sentences or some familiarity with the subject who could review these records and who would begin to end of the ages because without an enforcement mechanism we can expect them to obfuscate and delay and complete our system which I just want to understand but there are many times there are people who are on the road out of you know like even in the APC the various effects to the recent attack in Europe in Brussels in those people who are on the radar that sling and they committed in this and there is no

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committed in this and there is no conspiracy there is nothing on investigated lately why did it happen because why in this case to be pleased that there is something beyond lucky might be going to say just let out of the you know the dollar and did it that's what awesome and when we see all the records will be able to decide but until we have all the records you can't decide whether for example what Angleton could have been manipulating odds he and his people could have been manipulating I'll go over to Portugal please that's what they did they ran secret operations involving agents and they get to see so when we have all the records then we can here then we can address the question of conspiracy I'm not interested in the question of conspiracy I'm only interested in full disclosure we have that then we can talk about the fear

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